

WESTLANDS' FOOD FOR THOUGHT

THE WEEKLY REPORT ON CALIFORNIA'S BROKEN WATER SYSTEM

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Go East, young man?



California policymakers are allowing federal and state laws and regulations to methodically dismantle our agricultural resources. Meanwhile, <u>Oklahoma lawmakers are rolling out the</u> <u>welcome mat</u>, hoping to create a *Grapes of Wrath* in reverse that will bring jobs and revenue to their state.

California's Central Valley is perfect for ag–with an ideal climate, fertile soil, and state-of-theart water management systems. What's missing is government's commitment to live up to their end of the bargain and provide reliable water allocations.

Perhaps other states have a better sense of California's reckless policies. And as Steinbeck said, "You're bound to get idears if you go thinkin' about stuff." Other states certainly have ideas about how to support their residents rather than driving them away. What a novel concept.

It's time for <u>honesty</u> in the very worthwhile debate about how YOUR water is being prioritized.